

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

THE STATE OF TEXAS |

CITY OF AUSTIN |

COUNTY OF TRAVIS |

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Austin will be held on the 1st day of June, 1954, at the Municipal Building, Eighth and Colorado, in Austin, Texas, at 2:00 P.M. for the purpose of meeting with the Parks and Recreation Board.

/s/ Elsie Woosley
City Clerk

/s/ C. A. McAden
Mayor
City of Austin, Texas

ATTEST:

/s/ Elsie Woosley
City Clerk

CONSENT TO MEETING

We, the undersigned members of the City Council, hereby accept service of the foregoing notice, waiving any and all irregularities in such service and such notice, and consent and agree that said City Council shall meet at the time and place therein named, and for the purpose therein stated.

/s/ Ben White
/s/ Wesley Pearson

/s/ Emma Long
/s/ T. R. Thompson

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

June 1, 1954
2:00 P.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor McAden presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden
Absent: None

Also present: W. E. Seaholm, City Manager; Doran Eskew, Assistant City Attorney; Beverly Sheffield, Director of Recreation.

Members of the Parks and Recreation Board present were MRS. FRANK DAVOL, MRS. C. E. BROWNING, MRS. FAGAN DICKSON, DR. D. K. BRACE, MR. FRANK D. QUINN, MR. VIC KOMIER, MRS. ALDEN DAVIS and MR. NASH MORENO.

Dr. Brace stated the Advisory Committee had three recommendations to make at this time:

1. The need to develop the Zavalla area further to provide a community center. It would need \$200,000 to develop that, and it was recommended by the Board that the \$200,000 bonds still available be sold early next year for the development of this area.
2. The dedication of the 70 acre tract as Bee Creek Park and that it be used as a nature sanctuary.
3. The need of three new swimming pools to be financed by Revenue Bonds, the three recommended pools to be handled by that program to be,
 - (1) Hancock Park
 - (2) Northwest Austin
 - (3) Reed Park

MR. FRANK QUINN urged the development of Zavalla Community Center as very important, as this is a densely populated section, and this would do the greatest good for the greatest number of people. The Mayor announced that the property had been purchased recently. Councilman Long inquired about selling the four lots that the center is now on, and making available those lots to the people who would be displaced by this purchase. The Recreation Director recommended keeping these lots for a small childrens' playground.

Discussion on future bond sales was held. MRS. DICKSON suggested private financing--a neighborhood project. Councilman Thompson inquired if the pools were to be operated as a social service to the citizens or on a basis of self-liquidation; if the latter, then there would have to be fees fixed; if not, then there would be the question of some pools have charges in parts of towns and others not having any charges. Councilman Long was not for charging for swimming pools. The City Manager stated that the larger pools or adult pools could have a nominal charge. He pointed out every pool meant operating costs that would be year in and year out expense.

Mr. Quinn asked again that the full \$200,000 be earmarked for this Zavalla Community Center; as if it were spent all over town, one couldn't see where it was.

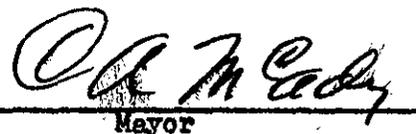
Councilman Thompson inquired if the swimming facilities were adequate at Dorie Miller. Mrs. Dickson stated this pool should be enlarged, and it was hoped that the remaining \$75,000 bond money could be spend on that swimming pool.

Councilman Thompson stated the Recreation Department was a big asset to Austin. When industry plans to establish in a place, the industrialists are not as interested in the tax and utilities as they are what is going to happen to the people who work in their plants, and their living facilities, schools, churches and recreation, and complimented the Board for adding a big asset to the City in its program.

Councilman Pearson inquired if it were more important to enlarge the pool or build another pool. The Recreation Director recommended enlarging the present pool at Rosewood; and this was being developed into a marvelous park.

There being no further business the council adjourned subject to the call of the mayor.

APPROVED


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk